1	2	3	4	5
4	Tented accommodation at NIWS . .	13.84	7.00	Dec., '94
5	Purchase of two Hover crafts for Pangi Park Recreation Centre	12.44	6.22	Sept. '94
6	Food & Cultural Festival . . .	3.75	2.00	Completed
7	Goa Carnival	4.25	2.00	-do-
8	Shigmo festival	4.25	2.00	-do-
9	Publicity support	0.71	0.71	-do-
	TOTAL	78.82	37.83	

* In lieu of Polem and Manguishi projects.

Tourism Co-operation with Russia

386. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any tourism Co-operation agreement has recently been signed with Russia; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir, An agreement on cooperation in the field of tourism was signed in Moscow on 30th June, 1994 between the Govt. of India and the Govt. of Russian Federation.

(b) The salient features of the agreement are as follows :-

(i) Both the Parties will strengthen and encourage the development and cooperation in the field of tourism on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

(ii) Both the Parties shall strive to simplify immigration, customs and other formalities in order to facilitate tourism exchange.

(iii) Both the Parties shall strive to facilitate and expedite the issue of visas for up to 3 months to citizens of the other Party.

(iv) Both the Parties shall facilitate the import and export of material and documents for publicity on tourism, free from customs duties.

(v) Both the Parties shall encourage the exchange of statistics in the field of tourism.

(vi) Both the Parties shall assist each other in training of professional staff in the field of tourism.

(vii) Both the Parties may open an official tourism representation in the territory of the other Party.

Withdrawal of Restricted Area Permit from North-Eastern Region

387. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of CVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Restricted Area Permit (RAP) is the greatest impediment to the growth of the Tourism in the North-Eastern region;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider its withdrawal; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The policy regarding Restricted Area Permit is reviewed by Government from time to time.

विमान टैक्सी प्रचालकों द्वारा मनमाने शुल्क लगाया जाना

388. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह :** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस आशय की शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं कि निजी विमान टैक्सी प्रचालक यात्रियों से मनमाना किराया वसूल रहे हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो यात्रियों को इस लूट से बचाने के लिए मंत्रालय द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं; और

(ग) दिल्ली-कुल्लू, दिल्ली-शिमला, दिल्ली-धर्मशाला, दिल्ली–कुल्लू, वाया शिमला की हवाई सेवाओं में किराए में कितनी बार वृद्धि की गई है और जब वायुदूत की उड़ानें उपलब्ध थीं, तब कितना किराया लिया जाता था और अब कितना किराया वसूल किया जा रहा है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) हमारे टैक्सी प्रचालकों द्वारा लिए जाने वाले किरायों पर कितहाल कोई प्रतिबन्ध नहीं है।

रक्षा उपस्करणों के संबंध में इजराईल के साथ समझौता

389. **प्रो. विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने इजराईल के साथ रक्षा संबंधी मामलों के संबंध में कोई बातचीत की है जिससे दोनों देशों के बीच रक्षा संबंधी विभिन्न उपकरणों के बारे में समझौता किया जा सके; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) और (ख) हालांकि भारतीय सशस्त्र बलों की आवश्यकता के कुछ उपस्करों की सप्लाई की संभावनाओं का पता लगाने के लिए कुछ इजराईली निर्माता फर्मों से बात चीत हुई है परन्तु सरकारी स्तर पर किसी करार पर हस्ताक्षर नहीं हुए हैं ?

Offer from Aerospace Industries in manufacture of ICA

390. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three foreign Aerospace Industries have offered to partner India in the production and marketing of the Multimission Light Combat Aircraft; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in respect thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Director General, Aeronautical Development Agency has been authorised to explore the possibilities of identifying a partner for co-development and co-production of Light Combat Aircraft with possible companies abroad. Discussions are in progress with three aerospace industries. No concrete offers have emerged so far.

(b) Any proposal which may emerge from the discussions, would be considered, if it is useful in producing global cost effective systems.